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THE SUSE COMMITTEES.

CONTINUED COINAGE OF SILVER EX-PECTED.

HOW THE BLAND AND BUCKNER COMMITTEES STAND-MR. BELFORD'S SCHEME.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Speaker Carlisle seems to be making a serious effort to show that his Com-mittees on Banking and Currency and Coinage, Weights and Measures ought not to "alarm" the country. He talked with the chairmen of these committees before they were appointed, and knows "how they feel on financial subjects"; they will do nothing "hostile to the financial interests of the country." The Speaker is also quoted as saying: "Mr. Bland's appointment does not necessarily mean the continued coinage of silver," which would seem to imply doubt in the Speaker's mind as to the wisdom of the continuance of that coinage. The Coinage Committee is composed of eleven members who can vote-seven Democrats and four Republicans. Of the former not more than two-Messrs. Dowd, of North Carolina, and Hardy, of New-York, can be reasonably expected to favor the repeat of the compulsory provisions of the Coinage Act. Messrs. Bland, Nicholls, Pusey, Lanham and Tully will sturdily oppose it, as they also will any proposition to restrain the issue of silver certificates. With them will act Mr. Belford, who stands at the head of the Republican minority on the committee. Six members are a majority.

MR. BELFORD'S SILVER SCHEME. Not long ago Mr. Belford, in a letter to a TRIBUNE correspondent, wrote as follows: "I shall certainly resist any legislation looking to the suspension of the Coinage Act. I think it is as important to protect the silver interest of Colorado as it is the iron interests of Pennsylvania, the copper interests of Michigan, the cutlery interests of Connecticut, the silk interests of New-Jersey, or the salt interests of New-York." Since then he has taken still more advanced ground. A bill offered by him December 10 provides that holders of silver bullion may deposit the same with the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the United States and receive the market value thereof in cerdificates which "shall be payable on demand in coin or United States notes, and shall be receivable for customs, taxes and public dues, and when received may be reissued." bill requires all silver bullion so deposited to be "coined at the several mints of the United States as rapidly as can be done consistent with economy, and without interfering with the coinage of gold." Section two of the bill provides for the issue upon deposits of silver certificates to the amount of \$10,000,000 in denominations of one and two dollars. If Mr. Belford would now offer a bill to provide for the issue of certificates equal in amount to the market value of all pigs of iron and copper and of all cutlery and silk goods produced in the States named by him and, deposited with the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the United States, the certificates to be payable on demand in coin or United States notes, and receivable for customs, taxes and public dues, he would be living up to his own platform. He favors unlimited coinage of "buzzard" silver dollars and the issue of certificates in small denominations.

Chairman Bland and a majority of the Democratic members of the committee would support the first proposition, but they might object to the other one. They prefer the retirement of the one-dollar and two-dollar greenbacks, so as to force the silver into circulation.

VIEWS OF O. B. POTTER AND JONATHAN CHACE. If Speaker Carlisle had placed Orlando B. Potter at the head of the Coinage Committee, his hope or expectation of the stoppage of the sortinge of "buzzard" dollars might have been justified. Mr. Potter thinks silver useful for small coin, and that it should be coined only to such an extent as the convenience of the country requires; and that the amount should be left to the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury. In his judgment silver should not be made a legal tender beyond the amount necessary for convenience in business in making change. He does not believe that silver certificates are needed or will prove beneficial, and he thinks that their issue should be stopped and the compulsory provisions of the Silver act be repealed. Speaker Carlisle has given Mr. Potter a place on the Banking and Currency Committee, but the Coinage Committee succeeded five years ago in obtaining the jurisdiction of the subject of silver certificates and will probably be able to retain control of it. As a member of the Banking and Currency Committee, however, Mr. Potter will be able to exert a conservative influence in regard to the National banking system, with the value and usefulness of which he is strongly impressed.

Mr. Jonathan Chace, of Rhode Island, who is a member of the Coinage Committee, favors a repeal of the compulsory provisions of the Silver Coinage act, of the suspension of silver coinage, and of stopping the issue of silver certificates, but it is doubtful whether more than two of the other members would agree with him. There seems to be no good reason to expect any recommendations from the Coinage Committee which the advocates of an housest currency can approve. The most that can be hoped for is that the committee will do nothing more hostile to the financial interests of the country" than permitting the coinage of dishonest dollars to continue. not be made a legal tender beyond the amount

MR. BLAND WOULD RECOIN TRADE DOL-LARS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.-Mr. Bland, Chairman of the House Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures, says he has not become sufficiently acquainted with the newly appointed members of the committee to know their views on the subjects to be considered during the present Congress. He, himself, favors recoining the trade dollars into standard dollars, and thinks that the present coinage of the latter should not be stopped. Mr. Bland is of opinion that a mint ought to be established in the Mississippi Valley and, because of the advan-tages offered at St. Louis favors that city as the

MR. COX AND MR. SPRINGER FEEL INSULTED.

[GENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.] WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 .- Mr. Cox, of New-York, who was appointed chairman of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, has informed an intimate friend, a member of the House, that he will positively decline to serve on that committee when Congress reconvenes. The reasons assigned for Mr. Cox's refusal are that the Committee on Naval Affairs will have comparatively little before it during the present Congress, and that twenty-two years' service in the House entitle him to the chairmanship of Foreign Affairs. His friends say that in that position Mr. Cox contemplated advocating a number of reforms in the line of reducing the number of foreign ministers, vesting consuls with diplomatic power when necessary, and improving the consular system so as to make it a more powerful agency for the advancement of the commercial interests of the country.

Mr. Springer, who desired the chairmanship of Mr. Springer, who desired the Charles and the Committee on Expenditures in the chairman of the Committee on Expenditures in the Department of Justice, also contemplates declining when Congress reassembles, giving as his reason that both he and his constituents have been insuited by his omission from all the important committees,

PREPARING APPROPRIATION BILLS. Washington, Dec. 26 .- The House Commitas decided to prepare, if possible, the Pension, Forti-ion, Consular, and Military Academy appropriation bills during the recess, so that they might be presented in the House when Congress reassembles. Mr. Randall will amounce to-morrow the names of the members who will have charge of the bills during their consideration.

FORGERIES IN OHIO.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] CLEVELAND, Dec. 26 .- F. J. Creque, an Akron broker and money lender, bought a lot of indorsed notes seently from a stranger at a reduced rate. To-day he can them to the First National Bank at Warren for col tion. The notes were given by the following persons:
D. Balley, Lordstown, \$100; W. Weir, Lordstown, \$75Yorkheimer, Seuthington, \$150; J. N. Hatch, Southton, \$50; Edwart Thorp, Warren, \$150; John McKee, Warren, \$200. All these men are prominent farmers living near Warren. They unite in pronouncing the notes forgeries. They were indorsed by H. L. Bacon, a sharp swindler, who went through the country last summer selling Bohemian oats, for which farmers paid, but which they never received.

Other forged notes of a similar character are being discovered. Bacon made a clean haul, and has left the

SPEAKERSHIP OF THE ASSEMBLY.

THE CANDIDATES AND THEIR PROSPECTS-AN AMI CABLE CANVASS BEGUN.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Dec. 26 .- The contest for the Speakership of the Assembly was opened in person by three of the candidates to-night. Only one Assemblyman had arrived, however, so that the conflict was not an animated one. Three of the candidates came by evening trains. Theodore Roosevelt, from New-York, Titus Sheard from Little Falls, and George Z. Erwin from Potsdam. D. C. Littlejohn, it was stated, would not arrive until to-morrow. Mr. O'Neill, of Franklin, it was learned, had retired from the contest. This leaves only feur candidates, Messrs. Sheard. Roosevelt, Erwin and Littlejohn. As is usual with candidates, all expressed sanguine hopes of being nominated for Speaker. Politicians decided that until the Assemblymen arrive it would be unsafe to declare who is the leading candidate. Messrs. Erwin and Sheard have made the Delavan House their headquarters, while Mr. Roosevelt has made the Kenmore Hotel his base of operations.

The trains from New-York also brought John J. O'Brien, chairman of the Central Committee of New-York; Robert O'Brien stated that a majority of the New-York Assemblymen intended to support Mr. Roosevelt for Speaker, believing that his creditable record the past two years in the Assembly cutified him to the years in the Assembly entitled him to the position. Moreover as a New-York candidate he was entitled to the support of the delegation. It was learned from other New-York politicians that Mr. House, of the New-York Assemblymen, would probably not support Mr. Roosevelt but Mr. Erwin. Mr. Roosevelt was compensated for this loss to-night by the intelligence that Mr. O'Neill, of Frankin County, would support him. Mr. Roosevelt, it is also said, will have at least one vote in Kings, that of Mr. Heath. The other three Kings County members, it is asserted, will vote for Mr. Erwin. Senator Lynde, who is here acting as Mr. Erwin's chief manager, it confident of the latter's election, and says that he will remain in the contest till the last. It is the smallest of any of the candidates.

Mr. Sheard's friends say that he is the second choice of most of Mr. Roosevelt's supporters, and that after several ballots in the caucus to be held on Monday night shall have demonstrated that Mr. Roosevelt cannot be nominated, they will transfer their votes to Mr. Sheard. It may be said that the contest is being: conducted in a most amicable manner. Mr. Roosevelt visited Mr. Sheard to-night and the two candidates laughingly debated their prospects. It is also significant that the contest has no factional character. Edward M. Johnson has decided to re-cuter the contest for the clerkship of the Assembly.

THE ADIRONDACK FOREST.

THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT AGAINST PURCHASING THE WOODLANDS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Dec. 26 .- The Committee on Adirondack Forest Preservation will report against the purchase of the woodlands in bulk. The Committee consists of Sen-ators Koch, Lynde and F. Lansing, of Jefferson. A hear-ing on the part of the Chamber of Commerce will be held rrow at the Capitol, and soon after testimony will be taken relative to certain claims to forest-lands against the State by individuals. Smith M. Weed, of Clinton County, who some time ago was reported to have held a claim for nearly 6,000 acres on the ground of an old mort-gage against what is known as the Senator Norton tract, at the head of the upper Saranac Lake, will be one of the witnesses. It is understood now that he has no claim. Senators Lynde and Lansing, a majority of the con tee, both agree in stating that any proposition to purchase the present forest-lands will be the result of a tremendous job. All valuable soft timber near the river streams have already been out away, and what remains is a dense forest absolutely unmarketable because it is impossible to reach a sufficient stream. The trees are all on hillsides some distance from the water-ways, but they serve all

some distance from the water-ways, but they solve an needed our poses.

In reply to faquiries both Senators Lynde and Lansing said that the agitation of the question of purchase by the State has already increased the price by an enormous sum, and if any such project should become a fact the price would be \$100 an acre, a much larger sum than is paid for any farming lands in that region. "In fact," said one of the Senators, "the State is already acquiring the lands as fast as possible and at a much more reasonable rate than the State would offer. Ten years ago there were 40,000 acres owned by the State through the non-payment of taxes or otherwise; to-day there are a million, all through non-payment of taxes."

THE SLAUGHTER AT McDADE.

MILITIA AND VOLUNTEERS PRESERVE ORDER-SYM-PATHY FOR THE LYNCHERS.

GALVESTON, Dec. 26 .- The lynching of three nen at McDade and the retaliatory attack yesterday have thrown that town into great excitement. A dispatch from Austin to The News says: "Late last night Governor Ireland received from the county officials at McDade telegraphic notice of the affray yesterday, and ordered out detachments of militia from Brenham and Hearne to quell any further disturbance that might occur. The troops on their arrival at McDade found quiet measurably restored. The Governor says that so far as his information extends the affair was the result of a drunken quarrel at the County cross-roads, and has no

a drunken quarrel at the County cross-roads, and has no significance whatever."

Mitton and Bishop, who were attacked on the street by the friends of the men lynched, are under arrest, and were examined to-day. It is considered that they were perfectly justified in killing the two Ballev boys. It is said that every good man in the county stands ready to go security for them. "Willie" Griffin, who was shot through the head while helping Bishop and Milton, can live only a few hours. His brains are oozing through his skull. Hay ward Balley, who shot Griffin, is lying in the Bastrop jail dangerously wounded. S. W. Noble, the telegraph operator at McDade, has been on duty constantly for fifty-six hours. Sheriff Jenkins and County Altorney Maynard have been indefatigable. Regardless of risk they arrested Hayward Balley and Stevens in their own homes.

A FAMILY MURDERED AND BURNED. OF WEST VIRGINIA.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. WHEELING, Dec. 26 .- A dispatch from Beverly, W. Va., says: "Mrs. Elizabeth Somerfield and two children, living on the slope of Rich Mountain, about twenty miles from here, were murdered by unknown parties, probably on December 16, and their bodies consumed, the house being fired after the bloody work had been concluded. A mail carrier on his way to Seneca, Pendleton County, was met by two men, who told him a cabin had been destroyed by fire some distance ahead on his route. The carrier spurred on his horse, and soon his route. The carrier spurred on his horse, and soon reached the spot in wild and lonely part of the Cheat River valley. Alighting, he approached the ruins, and on reaching the outer edge of the extinct embers his attention was attracted by the blackened heart of an adult, supposed to be that of Mrs. Somerfield, together with some charred boves and fragments of flesh. A further search in the ruins brought to light the skul of a sound and child, together with some ribs and part of a spinal column. The woman's skull had been crushed with some heavy instrument, probably a crowbar, which was lying near. The mail carrier at once gave the alarm; and soon several hundred people were attracted to the scene of the tragedy, and a thorough search was made of the ruins, which, however, resulted in throwing no light on the crime. The county authorities are actively working up the matter. A similar mysterious crime occurred in the neighborhood a year ago, when Adam Currence and three children were murdered and their bodies burned in the ruins of their home.

DISHONORING HIS NAMESAKE.

ULYSSES S. GRANT ARRESTED FOR BURGLARY IN

TEXAS. IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 26 .- Ulysses S., grandson of the Rev. William Jesse Grant, a Republican politician here, who is a cousin of General Grant, was to-day arrested on the charge of burglary, and is now in the County Jail. He is alleged to have broken into a house and stolen a fine pistol and some money. Another charge of disposing of stolen property is also to be brought against him. The prisoner has been leading a fast life, and this is the second time recently that he has been up for burglary. The first offence was not prosecuted on account of his family connections. Has bail-bond is \$500, which he has thus far been unable to furnish.

A SUICIDE IN KINGSTON.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 26.-John Gessner, A German blacksmith in Hasbrouck-ave., was found dead, hanging by his neck from a beam in his shop, this afternoon. After adjusting the rope properly he had sprung from a bench. Business despondency is supposed to have

ABBEY'S OPERA COMPANY IN BOSTON.

INT TELEGRAPH TO THE THEBUNE.)
BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The opera of "Faust" was
liven in the Boston Theatre to-night by Mr. Abbey's
company to an antitence that pecked the wast building

from top to bottom, numbering about 4,000 persons. It was notably the fluest performance of "Faust," all things considered, that was ever given in this city.

THE STATUE OF HARRIET MARTINEAU. UNVEILED IN BOSTON-ADDRESSES BY MRS. LIV-

ERMORE AND WENDELL PHILLIPS. INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Boston, Dec. 26 .- The statue of Harriet Martineau in the Old South Meeting-House was publicly un-veiled this afternoon, in the presence of a large audience, composed for the most part of ladies. The statue repre-sents Miss Martineau, life size, sitting in an easy attitude, with hands crossed in the lap. The sculptress, Miss Annie Whitney, has given the face a pleasant, dignified expression, which cannot fail to impress the most casual observer. The statue was made through the efforts of a committee consisting of Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, Samuel May, George William Curtis, Mrs. Charles Francis Adams, Mrs. Ralph Waldo Emerson, William Lloyd Garrison, Mary Hemingway and John Jay. The address at the unveiling was delivered by Mrs. Livermore. She said-"Harriet Martineau was born about eighty years ago. She took an active part in the anti-slavery movement, and was an advocate of woman's rights. Purity of life was strongly urged by her. She was herself a total abstainer and advocated the cause from the platform. Working carnestly among the lower orders of men, questions of the cause that a strongly among the lower orders of men, questions of the cause that a strongly among a gold duration were debated. labor and land reform, peace, and education were debated and written upon. She was also as beautiful in quiet domestic life as she was industrious in public life. She may not have had genius, but she had character;

and that is better than genius, if you can have but one.

Mrs. Livermore was followed by Wendell Phillips, who referred to the moral power exerted by Miss Mortineau, referred to the moral power exerted by Miss Moraneau, and said it was eminently proper that we should thus honor this counsellor of princes and adviser of ministers, this woman who has done more for beneficial changes in the English world than any ten men in Great Britain. Miss Martineau has the great honor of having always seen truth one generation ahead. We place this status here in Boston because she has made herself an American. She passed through Boston on the very day that William She passed through Boston on the very day that William Lloyd Garrison was mobbed on State-st. Harriet Martineau had been welcomed all over America. She had been received by Calhon in South Carolina; the Chief Justice of Virginia had welcomed her to his mansion, but also went through the South concealing no repugnance, making her obeisance to no idol. This brave head and heart held her own throughout that journey. She came here to gain a personal knowledge of the Abolitionists, and her first experience was with the mob on State-st. The first experience was with the mob on State-st. The first element in Harriet Martineau's greatness is her rectifude of purpose by which was born that true instinct which saw through all things. Shortly after the time of the State-st. mob she went to Cambridge, and her hosts there begged her not to put her hands into those quarrels. The Abolitionists held a meeting there. The only hall then open to them was owned by infidels, and yet the infidelity of that day is the Christianity of to-day. Miss Martineau went to that meeting and spoke. As a result of her words and decids, such was the lawlessness of that time, that she had to turn back from her intended journey to the West, and was assured that she would be lynched if she dared set foot in Ohlo. and said it was eminently proper that we should thus

THE NEW-JERSEY CONTROLLERSHIP.

MR. ALBRIGHT THROWS OUT DARK HINTS ABOUT MR. CONNOLLY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26 .- The New Jersey Democrats have begun early on their battle over the State Controllership, which may be theirs if the Republican Senate will let them have it by consenting to go into a joint meeting to elect a successor to the present Repub Bean Controller. Despite the uncertainty of this political egg, a number of Democratic patriots are industriously endeavoring to hatch it out. Their leader is Alderman James Connolly, of Newark, whose recommenda-tion is that he was the candidate of the Democratic caucus for the same position last ear. His first set-back was received several weeks ago, when Andrew Albright, of Newark, whom Connolly opposed for the nomination of Governor last fall, announced in an interview, in decidedly forcible language, that "Connolly shall never be Controller, and won't have any chance for it if I tell all Iknow." This remark is supplemented to-day

by another interview, in which he says:

"I have no statement for the public at present. When
the time arrives, I shall make my statement to the Legislature, giving my reasons why I believe Mr. Connolly is unworthy of the position. If it is necessary to satisfy curiosity that certain reasons shall be given previous to that time, let Mr. Connoily rise and explain how the vote was obtained favoring his election last winter. If he feels disinclined, from reasons best known to himself, to make Legislature rise and explain. If such explanation Legislature rise and explain.

It said explains and it said in ex-Governor Rodman M. Price, and let him state what he knows about how Mr. Connolly's vote was secured. Or visit the old Democratic war-horse, Capitain Kelly, and ask what he knows about farming. As for myself, individually, I have no about 'farming.' As for myself, individually, I have no axe to grind. I have no enemies to pullsh nor friends to reward, but I have a conscientions duty that I owe to the people of this state; and if it becomes necessary, I shall perform that duty without fear or favor.' Mr. Albright's reference is evidently to an alleged corrupt bargain, by which Connolly is said to have gotten the cancers nordination has winter. The leading candidate against him is Andrew Jackson Smith, a protege of Senator H. B. Smith, of Smithville, Burlington County. The contest absorbs all the political interest of the Democrats in the State, and the several candidates for the Speakership are enjoying a lonely and unnoticed scramble among themselves.

DURBIN WARD IN THE FIELD.

AN ANONYMOUS CIRCULAR ATTACKS HENRY B. PAYNE. INVITELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26,-Northern Ohio is being flooded with anonymous circulars, purporting to be in the interest of Durbin Ward. These documents declare that the Democratic newspapers of Ohlo are both very weak in political intelligence and independence of char acter. Hence, these newspapers gather into a mass and direct the choice for Senator upon such men as have first, directly or indirectly, by personal or pecuniary indiaences, set the newspapers in motion in their own behalf. "Consider," says the circular, "that the man ought not to be see old and rich that he cannot in nature feel with, and work for, the best interests of all the people. Remember that leopards do no not change their spots, and that men who have grown old in building and controlling monopolies for their own interests, till in their own minds the very streets belong to private corporations, do not cease to foster them in their old age."

This is a direct blow at Henry B. Payne, and shows that Durbin Ward is in the field for the United States Senatorship.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE AN OFFICIAL.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNG,]

BOSTON, Dec. 26 .- The Journal says that not a great while ago a member of the Boston Police Commission received a call from a person largely interested in a matter coming before the board. The man made an urgent personal plea in behalf of his side of the case, and, stepping up to the Commissioner, he slipped some thing into his hand.

The Commissioner coolly unrolled the little package,

and remarked: "This is money; what is it for i"
"Oh," deprecatingly, with an attempt at a fan
poke in the ribs, "I thought you might want to ma

"How much is there here!" "Only a little matter of \$200."
"Well, there is your \$200, and there is the door; and if you and your money are not outside quicker than you came in l'il kick you out."
"But I hope I haven't injured the case, Mr. ——."
"You haven't helped it a —— bit."

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 26.-Early this morning while a freight train on the Chesapeake and Ohlo Railroad was backing into a siding at Louisa Cour. tween the tender and engine, and killing the freman of the freight train, who attempted to jump off. There was no other casualty. The engine of the freight train was badly injured, and the passenger train was delayed three hours. House, a local passenger train ran into it, striking be-

three hours.

LANCASTER, Penn., Dec. 26.—The east-bound Columbia accommodation and the newspaper train collided near Middletown on the Pennsylvania Railroad this morning: Both engines were completely demolished and the track blocked for four hours. The engineers escaped by jumping. No one was seriously injured. The accident was due to the dense fog which prevailed at the time.

LOTTERY RIGHTS IN VIRGINIA.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 26 .- Proceedings were instituted to-day by the Commonwealth's Attorney against the Dismal Swamp Canal Lottery Company, by the nominal arrest of the company's agent in this city. day, when it will be sent to the Hustings Court for trial. The object of the proceedings is to test the legality of the company to sell lottery tickets here or elsewhere in the State, the company claiming to have a right to do so under an Act of the Assembly passed in the year 1816, while the Commonwealth claims that the act is without the authority of law.

AN EMBEZZLER REFUSED PARDON.

Boston, Dec. 26.-Governor Butler has de-

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

ADVANCE OF EL MAHDI. LONDON, Dec. 26 .- A dispatch from Paris says that a telegram has been received there from Cairo, announcing that El Mahdi and his forces are advancing from El Obeid, and are expected to reach Khartoum in ten days. CAIRO, Dec. 26.—The latest advices received here,

are to the effect that El Mahdi is still at El Obeid.

DISEASED HOGS SENT TO FRANCE. Paris, Dec. 26.-Mr. Paul Best has written a letter to the Voltaire, in which he argues that the fear of an outbreak of disease from the use of American pork is in no way chimerical. He quotes statements of Mr. Delmers, an inspector at Chicago, who certified that diseased and dying hogs passed his house daily, and that they were sold cheap and shipped to Bordeaux and Havre.

OPPPOSITION TO THE ILBERT BILL. CALCUTTA, Dec. 26 .- The native newspaper press vehemently opposes any compromise on the libert bill, and counsels agitation on the subject.

The bill above referred to was drawn by Justice libert, and is designed to give the same authority and jurisdic-tion to native judges in India, under the Criminal Jurisprudence act, as have been and are now exercised by pridence act, as have been and are now exercised by English judges. There has been considerable opposition raised against the bill, and it is asserted by many that if it passes the next Parliament it will engender antagonism between the English and the native Indian races. F. T. Atkins has been sent to London by the English East India Workingmen's Association to endeavor to induce the Government to withdraw the measure from Parlia-ment.

FRENCHMEN EXPELLED FROM GERMANY. Paris, Dec. 26.—Baron von Mantenffel, Governor of Alsace-Lorraine, has ordered the expulsion from Germany of two Frenchmen, on eaf them being General Grouvel, for omitting the observance of a slight formality in certain official relations with the national authorities.

MISHAPS TO STEAMERS.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The hull of the steamship Saint Augustin, which was swept by fire on December 16, in the Bay of Biscay, while the vessel was on the way from Manila to Liverpool, has been towed into the arbor of Corunna, Spain.

GLASGOW, Dec. 26.-The Anchor Line steamship Bolivia, which went ashore in the Firth of Clyde last Fri-day night, and which has been temporarily repaired at Holylock, has arrived here. She will be docked.

DIFFERENTIAL DUTIES IN MEXICO. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 26 .- The law estabfinally passed, grants the following reductions of duties Two per cent on all goods brought by Mexican vessels; eight per cent on Asiatic goods brought to the Pacific coast by regular lines; four per cent on occasional Asiatic importations.

THREE MEN KILLED IN A RIOT.

St. John's, N. F., Dec. 26 .- A formidable riot coursed at Harbor Grace this evening. The Orangemen of the city turned out in procession with their regalia and flags, when they were attacked by the opposite faction and three men were instantly killed and several mortally or severely wounded. Detachments of Infantry and cavalry and police were dispatched by train and steamer to the scene of the disturbance.

FATAL RAILROAD RIOT IN RUSSIA.

LIDA, Russia, Dec. 26.-The workmen and dicials employed upon the railway works in this place engaged in a riot yesterday owing to the exactions of the contractors engaged in building the works. One official was killed and several workmen were injured before order was restored. The ringleader of the rioters was

FOREIGN NOTES.

Panis, Dec. 26.-The report that many persons were killed or scriously injured by an accident to a rallway train yesterlay between Avrincourt and Paris was incor-

rect. The train was thrown from the track, but only some freight cars and horse-boxes were shattered.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—It is announced that dissension has arisen among the Socialistic leaders in St. Fetersburg re-garding the prevention of the appearance of the November number of the students' paper, the Chestro, and the Nihilist paper, the Naradnajo Volja. VIENNA, Dec. 26.—Twelve American tourists have arrived here from Palestine.

GENEVA, Dec. 26.-A new Anarchist journal, named L'Esplosion, has appeared here. Panes, Dec. 26.—The Senate has decided to re-establish the salary of the Archbishop of Paris at 45,000 francs , the Chamber of Deputies having reduced it

AFFAIRS IN HAYTI.

Stephen Preston, the Haytian Minister to the United States, has received the following dispatch: PORT-AL-PRINCE, via Jamaica, Dec. 25.
Preston, Haytian Minister, Washington, D. C.—Jeromihas capitulated and advises Jacmel and Miragoane to d
the same. Miragoane has asked to capitulate.

HAYTIAN GOVERNMENT.

In regard to the recent death of Boyer Bazelais, leader of the Haytlan insurgents, Mr. Preston said yes-

leader of the Haytian insurgents, Mr. Preston said yesterday;

"Boyer Bazelais, to whose death the dispatch refers, was the leader of the Haytien insurgents.

He landed at Miragoane in March last with a few hundred followers from the American steamer Tropic, the others of which were recently tried and sentenced in Philadelphia for their share in this transaction. From that time until his death about a month ago, Bazelais waged a civil war against the Haytien Government, which consisted mainly of opposing forces looking at each other through loop-holes and blazing away with cartouches against blocks of wood. Then when a few thousands of shots had been thus exchanged, the rebels would send out builetins announcing a great and bloody battle in which thousands were slain and wounded, when in reality there would be not a single bloody nose from over-coughing. All these battles which have been heralded in the newspapers by the agents of the rebels were nothing more than what I tell you. To a calm observer of events passing in Hayti the rebellion is a flasco.

"Previous to his death, Bazelais addressed a petition to the President of Haytt, in which he confessed that he had not communicated to his followers the first offer of amenty made to him by the Government. Bazelais was succeeded at his death by Epaminondan Desroche, who blew his brains out, and his successor now proposes to surrender at Jeremie and Jacunel where he cannot possibly hold out very long; as we learn from correspondence of the Insurgents which has fallen into our hands, that starvation is staring him in the face. The President, wishing to avoid as much as possible the destruction of property, will not allow combustibles to be thrown into these towns, but a bombardment of solid shot is kept up. It now looks as though the insurrection would soon be ended.

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"The interior is entirely pacified, and the small, in nificant band of insurgents shut up in the small villag Cotes de Fer is now being attacked. I have no do but that we shall soon learn that the rebels have aur dered, and their few chiefs have taken to the woods."

A CHURCH QUARREL ADJUSTED.

NEW-HAVEN, Dec. 26 .- The open hostilities in the Hebron Congregational Church here have ceased and the church committee's report has been accepted. J. B. Fillmore, who was denounced from the pulpit by the Rev. George B. Cutter, paster, withdraws his slander sult against the clergyman. Five charges were preferred against the pastor, the first three alleging him gulity of improper conduct in denouncing Fillmore from the pulpit and calling him a polygamist, and the other two designating Cutter as a hypocrite and a liar. The report was made Saturday. Upon the first three charges it was voted to consure the pastor mildly, and the last two charges were regarded as unproved. Fillmore agreed to withdraw the civil suit if the society would vote him the same standing as it gave him when he joined the church. This the society so voted, and Cutter made no opposition movement.

A POLICEMAN CONNIVES AT ROBBERY.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—Henry Moneis was to-day convicted of having been a participant in the rob-bery of the Kensington Bank in this city on the night of February 3, 1871. At the time of the robbery Moneis was a policeman in the district in which the bank is situated. He has just completed a term of ten years' imprisated. He has just completed a term of ten years' impris-omment in the Montgomery County Jail for burglary. The bank robbery was accomplished by two men who bound and gagged the two bank watchmen, after having obtained an entrance under the pretex that they were officers sent there upon information of an antici-pated robbery. The only witness against Moneis to-day was one of the watchmen was positively indentified him, the other watchman is dead. Sentence was postponed.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26 .- A dispatch received here this morning states that John II. Diehl, for-merly a collector of customs at Philadeiphia, was found dead in his bed at Delanco on Monday. Coal gas is be-lieved to have caused his death.

SOCIALIST LABOR CONGRESS.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—The biennial session of BALTIMORE, Piec. 2002.

The Socialist Labor Congress met in this city to-day and was called to order by Hugo Vogt, secretary of the National Executive Committee. Twenty sections or branch.

associations are represented. San Francisco and Cincinnati are represented by proxies. The regular committees were appointed, after which the report of the executive committee was presented and adopted. The Congress will be in session three days.

BUSINESS EMBARRASSMENTS.

LARGE FAILURE IN PROVIDENCE.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 26.—The firm of A. D. Smith & Co. has made an assignment. Their liabilities

spindles. The failure involves the suspension of the

ing Company and the Franklin Manufacturing Company. It is stated at Bradstreet's Commercial Agency here that Smith & Co. have been rated low since 1879. The firm has been working on a large indebtedness and insufficient active capital. The assignees of the firm are Royal C. Taft, F. W. Carpenter and E. W. Mason.

TROUBLES ELSEWHERE.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 26.-J. & B. Lambert, dealers in dry-goods at Huntsville, Ala., have

been closed out by creditors. Liabilities, \$63,000; as-sets not known.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26 .- Robert Leslie, dealer in men's

turnishing goods, has made an assignment to Howard Douglas. Assets, \$5,000; liabilities, \$10,000.

ERIF, PENN., Dec. 26.—French & McKnight, the oldest and largest grocery house in Eric, has been closed by the sheriff. The liabilities are unknown; but judgments

amounting to \$31,000 have already been entered.

The property in this city of the Duplex Safety Boiler Company, of New-York, has been senzed, on an attachment issued at the suit of the Eric City Iron Works. The bail required was \$9,000.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 25 .- L. Green's Arcade dry-goods

house at Warren, Ohio, was closed to-day on an attach-ment of \$4,000. The assets will not amount to over \$2,000.

DEFENDING HER BROTHER.

St. Louis, Dec. 26 .- A telegram to The Post-

Dispatch from Hillsboro, Ill., says that in the Bond case trial to-day Minnie Pettus, the sister of Lee Pettus, one

of the defendants, testified that her brother Lee owned

only one pair of red-striped stockings. The prosecution then subjected her to a long cross-examination, evidently for the purpose of obtaining something contradictory to the testimony of the other members of the family.

The result was that the witness, in a number of instances, gave quite different testimony from that given at the preliminary trial, and contradicted herself and other members of the family.

DIED FROM FALLING DOWN A WELL.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 26 .- "Old Aunt"

Rachel Stryker, a greatly respected colored resident of Princeton, has died from injuries received by breaking through the platform of a well on a farm near here a few

days ago and falling a distance of nearly forty feet. Help was at hand and she was quickly brought to the surface, when it was found that she had sustained serious injuries, including a broken ankle. She was seventy-four years old.

ILLNESS OF ARCHBISHOP PERCHE.

has for some weeks been in failing health, and four days ago he became unable to leave his bed. Last night his

ndition became so alarming that it was deemed

TOBACCO AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

HIGHAM ACQUITTED.

trial to-day, Judge Merwin charged the jury favorably to

the prisoner. The jury went out at noon, and after being out six hours rendered a verdict of not guilty. On the

7 to 5, on the third 8 to 4, and on the fourth they reached a wardiet. While out, the jury asked the Judge what was the lowest charge on which the prisoner could be convicted. After Hicham's release there was great cheering by his friends. The jurymen say that Judge Merwin's charge admitted of no other verdict.

DEWEY, THE FORGER.

altas H. O. Halpert, the German forger, who pleaded

firms of large sums by forged drafts and bills of lading

A COAL MINERS' CONVENTION.

PITTSBURG, Dec.26 .- A convention of the coal

liners of the fourth pool is called for Monday next at

Woods Run, Washingto . County, to consider the award

lately made by Umpire Weeks. The convention is called for the purpose of avoiding complications and to enforce the ti rec cent rate from that date if the convention deem

FIERCELY RESISTING AN OFFICER. Boston, Dec. 26 .- A dispatch from Malone

N. Y., says: "William Hatfield, an escaped convict from

Michigan, was arrested yesterday by Sheriff Stockwell. Hatfield drew a knife and stabbed the Sheriff, and also Allan Starkwell and his wife He was finally captured, after being shot through the thigh. The Sheriff and his son were not dangerously hurt."

THE REMNANT OF AN AWARD.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 26.-It is learned

ere that the balance of the Fortune Bay award remain

ing in the United States Treasury is to be paid out to the

the amount anotted at the first disoursement, that being the balance in the freasury after paying lawyers'commis-sions, five per cent interest on previous awards and other expenses.

A PRIZE FIGHT ON CHRISTMAS.

in a ring at Mill Creek vesterday to fight for \$2 00 a side.

clared the winner. The men displayed great endurance. Both were badly used. The fight was the outcome of an old grudge. Much money changed hands.

SMALLPOX IN A JAIL.

WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 26 .- Smallpox has

broken out in the county jail at Newcastle. The first case was discovered about ten days ago. The victim, a

colored prisoner, was at once removed, the other inmates

two other cases were reported. There is much excitement over the discovery of the disease, and as the county has no pest house, the officials are at a loss what to do with the victims.

RAN AWAY WITH ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE.

MERIDEN, Conn., Dec. 26.-It has been dis-

covered that William J. Hutchings, the meat-dealer who absconded last week, took with him the wife of John

HANLAN ROWS AN EXHIBITION RACE.

the champion oarsman, and George W. Lee, rowed an ex-

hibition shell race yesterday over the new course at Oak-land, three miles long. Hanlan won in 18 minutes, 43

DIED WHILE WORSHIPPING.

TROY, Dec. 26.-Mrs. Martha Staves, sister of

ex-Sheriff Bullis, of Essex County, died suddenly Sunday

morning without a struggle, in her church-pew in Moriah, while the congregation was singing.

A MISSING TREASURER RETURNS.

WATERTOWN, Dec. 26,-Treasurer Rogers, of

Lewis County, who has been missing for some time, re

NINE PERSONS DROWNED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 .- Edward Hanlan,

Wilkinson. She took money belonging to her husb She leaves two children and Hutchings leaves three. debts amount to about \$10,000.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 26.-Dick Pedlar, of

mants in the proportion of about seven per centum of amount allotted at the first disbursement, that being

BOSTON, Dec. 26.-The case of C. F. Dewey,

first ballot they stood 8 to 4 for acquittal, on the sec

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 26 .- In the Higham

NEW-ORLEANS, Dec. 26 .- Archbishop Perche

said to be over \$1,000,000, largely to Providence banks. The firm operates two cotton mills in this city, two in Johnston, and one in Woodsocket, in all 87,000

THE DEPARTMENT FRAUDS

AN APPEAL TO THE MAYOR TO PUT A CHECK

ON MR. THOMPSON.

PROTEST AGAINST THE SYSTEM OF ILLEGAL OR-DERS-CHANGES IN THE DISTRICT - ATTORNEY'S

A letter signed by a number of leading citizens was sent to the Mayor yesterday, referring to THE TRIBUNE'S revelations concerning the Department of Public Works, and asking that a stop be put immediately to the system of granting orders to Maurice B. Flynn, Richard A. Cunningham and their associates. It is understood that John O'Byrne, A. J. Requier and James M. Brady are to retire from the District-Attorney's office, and Edward L. Parris, T. C. E. Ecclesine and James Fitzgerald are to take their places. These changes will have an important effect on any movement to prosecute city officials. All the new men are intimate political associates of Hubert O. Thompson. In the Board of Estimate and Apportionment yesterday some charges were made against the administration of Mr. Thompson's department.

ASKING THE MAYOR TO ENFORCE THE LAW. PROMINENT CITIZENS PROTESTING AGAINST MR. THOMPSON'S METHODS.

The following is a copy of a letter which was handed to the Mayor yesterday afternoon:

ASSISTANT DISTRICT-ATTORNEYS O'BYRNE AND REA QUIER TO BE SUPERSEDED TO-DAY. District-Attorney Olney announced yesterday that he would make changes in his office to-day, but said that he would not give the names of those whose successors were to be appointed until this morning. The current rumors about the office were

that Assistant District-Attorneys John O'Byrne and A. J. Requier and Sub-Assistant James M. Brady would not serve after the end of this year. John R. Fellows, one of the other assistants, was highly complimented by Mr. Olney as to the conduct of the trial which resulted in the conviction of William Conroy for murder in the first degree. John Vincent, the fourth of the assistants, was peculiarly the friend of the late Mr. McKeon and has the friendship and support of many of the

Of the three who will probably be asked to reeign, Mr. O'Byrne has been a County Democrat, Mr. Brady is considered a Tammany man, and Mr. Reguler has also belonged to that organization. Mr. O'Byrne has been concerned in the prosecution of many important cases arising in the office for the last two years. He has had a varied political experience, but was not much known here as a lawyer when he was appointed. Ex-Judge Requier is a Southerner. He has not been regarded as peculiarly successful as a prosecutor. The bearing

peculiarly successful as a prosecutor. The bearing of the District-Attorney toward some of the assistants named has been such as to lead to the supposition that he wanted them to resign.

The names mentioned with the greatest assurance of correctness as the successors of those who are to retire, were Edward L. Parris, a prominent member and officer of the Young Men's Democratic Club, as one of the assistants, at \$7,500 a year, and Senator James Fitzgerald for Mr. Brady's place, at \$3,500. Ex-Senator Thomas C. E. Ecclesine and Gunning S. Bedford are mentioned for the other vacant place as assistant. The probabilities seem to be in favor of the selection of Mr. Ecclesine, Mr. Parris has been known as a warm admirer of Samuel J. Tilden, and was one of the latter's agents in and after the election of 1876. Fitzgerald is a member of the State Senate that expires on December 31. He was renominated, but was defeated at the last election by J. J. Cullen. He is a member of the County Democracy. Ex-Senator Ecclesine is also a prominent member of the County Democracy. It was said by some of the lawyers having business with the District-Attorney's office that while the removals might not injure the office, the appointments were not likely greatly to increase its efficiency.

CONSIDERING THE FINAL ESTIMATES.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING MR. THOMPSON'S DEPART MENT-THE CORPORATION COUNSEL'S EXPENSES, various items of the budget for the coming year.

extending the telegraph and telephone system. Stephen H. Provost sent a letter calling attention to

Court, called attention to the fact that the Commissioner of Public Works in his estimates asked for \$146,000 for cleaning public offices. This was \$21,000 more than he had obtained for the present year. Last year \$100,-000 was appropriated for cleaning public offices and supplies. Two months afterward, Justice McGown went down to the Department of Public Works and asked for supplies, and to his astonishment was told that the amount was expended. Later on an item of \$25,789 10, made up of transfers of various kinds, was appropriated for this pur-pose and he succeeded in obtaining supplies to the amount of \$8 10. Continuing, Justice McGown

said:

I called on the Mayor and Controller at the time, and explained the situation to them. Of course I cannot say whether the whole amount was expended for repairs and supplies or not. I do know, however, that the Ninth District Court got exactly \$8 10 worth. As a result of this, the court rooms are a disgrace to the city. There is no clock, the stove is out of repair; there is no carpet in the clerk's room, which is used daily by many lady littgants. We cannot even get a brush or broom or the ordinary janitor's supplies. We need law books, as we are seven miles away from a law library. If this large appropriation was judiciously expended there could be no such condition of things. There is a universal complaint about the manner in which these supplies are furnished.

He asked that \$5,000 of the amount appropriated

For the Mayor's office \$30,000 was allowed, and

taken up. For salaries the sum of \$160,000 was allowed, an increase of \$22,240 over the original estimate. This has atready been explained by the Coutroller to be on account of an increase in the number of clerks. President Asten said that he furyered paying such amounts for salaries as 2

PRICE THREE CENTS.

RESULTS OF THE DISCLOSURES.

The following is a copy of a letter which was handed to the Mayor yesterday afternoon:

New-York, Dec. 26, 1883.

To Franklin Edson, Esq., Mayor.

Dear Sir: In view of the reports concerning the Department of Public Works printed in The New-York Tribune in relation to what is known as unbalanced bids, and the giving of special orders for work in amounts less than one thousand dollars, we respectfully ask you to request the Commissioner of Public Works to cease giving such orders, especially those to Maurice B. Flyan and his companies, and Richard A. Cunningham, and to advertise for proposals for the work and materials supplied now by these parties. Yours respectfully,

G. G. Williams,

President of Chemical Bank.

Wheeler H. Peckham.

Austin Corbin.

Jackson S. Schultz.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.
Horace K. Thurber.

John Duncan's Sons.

Vanvolkenbergin & Leavitt.

Ammidown & Smith.

F. O. Matthiessen & Wiechers

Sugar Refining Co.

Walston H. Brown.

Charles Lanier.

Kountze Eros.

H. C. Fahnestock,
Edward Kemp.

A. D. Julliard & Co.
D. B. Smith.

CHANGES TO BE MADE BY MR. OLNEY.

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perative to administer the last sacrament; and the cere mony was performed at a late hour. The Archbishop suffers more from age than from any sickness, and is gradually sinking. His death is expected at any moment. RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 26 .- Commissioner General Morehead of the World's Exposition, at New-Orleans, held a conference to-day with the State officials in regard to the exhibit of the State of North Carolina, receiving the greatest encouragement. The tobacco manufacturers at Durham have applied for about ten thousand square feet of space at the exposition, proposing to illustrate every department of a tobacco manufactory.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment yes terday began the work of finally determining the The Police Board asked for an appropriation for

the manner in which the appropriation for the Bureau of Incumbrances of the Department of Public Works was expended. He declared that the \$8,000 appropriated was spent on sinecure officeholders. The redemption fund, if spent in a proper manner, would make the bureau self-supporting. Justice McGown, of the Ninth Civil District

be placed to the credit of the Ninth District Court. to be expended in the purchase of books, supplies, etc. The Board promised to take the matter into consideration.

\$ 10,000 for the Bureau of Permits. The budget of the Finance Department was then

turned to Lowville last night. He has been rusticating in Canada his friends say. Madison, Ind., Dec. 26 .- Information has